

served as a Trust Officer in charge of the Glendale District Trust Department until his retirement in 1970.

In 1976, Ed and Teddy moved to Palo Alto where Ed became a member of the Senior Group at the Palo Alto Golf Course, playing until he was 90. He gave generously of his time and talents as a volunteer at the Senior Center, counseling others on financial issues. Today although he suffers from neuropathy, he keeps up with his grandsons and walks each day at the Stanford University Track.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Edward Coyle on his 100th birthday and recognizing his countless contributions to our community and our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 62ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE USS
"ELOKOMIN" (AO)

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the plaque dedication for the USS *Elokomina*, AO, an auxiliary oiler of the United States Navy whose keel was laid on March 9, 1943 and—served our Nation with honor until its decommission in March of 1970. I am here to honor the men who served on the *Elokomina* and to celebrate the 62nd anniversary of this extraordinary vessel.

The USS *Elokomina* served with distinction and received numerous Naval commendations for her service. During World War II, the *Elokomina* was more heavily armed than a destroyer-escort, having one 5-inch 38 caliber dual-purpose gun, four 3-inch 50 caliber dual-purpose guns, four 40-millimeter twin-mount guns and eight 20-millimeter guns.

However, the story of the *Elokomina* is really the story of the men who served aboard her. The USS *Elokomina*, AO-50 Crewmembers Association was established in the 1980s and it is my understanding that since its first reunion in 1986, the Association has met regularly to keep the memory of this ship and her crew alive. These men and their families should be proud of their commitment not only to our country but also to each other. Their dedication and loyalty is commendable.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take the floor of the House today to join with the veterans, their family and friends who will gather later this month for a celebration and dedication of the USS *Elokomina* at the Navy Memorial here in Washington, DC. I hope my colleagues will join me in celebrating this distinguished ship and the men who so ably served aboard her to defend this Nation.

COMMEMORATING 100 YEARS OF
CHEESMAN DAM

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the century of service the Cheesman Dam has provided Coloradans. The dam is an engineering marvel that has

provided water to the Denver metropolitan area for the past century.

The dam was constructed with the goal of providing the natural resources necessary to Denver area expansion. The dam has provided effective water management that has brought both environmental stability and economic growth to Denver.

Chief Engineer C.P. Allen executed the construction of Cheesman Dam with speed, precision, and creativity. The dam contains three million cubic feet of masonry, 21,000 tons of concrete and weighs an impressive 300,000 tons. The world's largest dam at the time of its completion, Cheesman was hailed by many as an engineering marvel. Though it didn't remain the largest dam in the world, it has continued to garner engineering acclaim. In 1975 it was proclaimed a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Cheesman's engineering prowess and historical significance are not its only qualities worthy of praise. The dam is, in many ways, a unique reflection of the Colorado spirit. Built to emulate the surrounding natural area, Cheesman's granite construction attempts to assimilate modern engineering advancement with the beauty of Colorado's open space. Its spillway follows the same pattern as it was intentionally developed in the formation of a natural cliff rather than a typical dam.

The American Society of Civil Engineers explains that the, "Cheesman Dam is . . . of such historical significance and contemporary importance that it should never be forgotten, but placed side-by-side with other national and historical landmarks of the engineering profession."

Its 100th anniversary is an accomplishment for the hundreds of workers that laid the stone in its construction and its talented engineers. Special recognition is also owed Denver Water and all of its employees—past and present—who have maintained this critical feature of Denver's water supply system. Through the efforts of Denver Water and the foresight of those who built this facility 100 years ago, Denver has been able to thrive and prosper.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
DR. KALLA

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas Dr. Kalla is an exceptional individual worthy of merit and recognition; and

Whereas, Dr. Kalla has proven himself to be a man of strong will and character; and

Whereas Dr. Kalla shall be lauded for his strength, tenacity, and perseverance in his battle with cancer;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Dr. Kalla for his outstanding accomplishment.

CONGRATULATING STEVE
McCULLOUGH

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer congratulations to my good friend Steve McCullough upon his retirement from employment as the city manager for the city of Irving, Texas. He has dedicated himself to the betterment of his community and neighbors and his tireless commitment and service should be commended.

Steve began his 30-year career with the City of Irving in June 1975 when he was employed as an administrative assistant in the Finance Department. He joined the City Manager's Office in 1978 and was named deputy city manager in 1986. He has held the position of city manager in Irving since December 1993. Additionally, Steve was appointed by the governor of Texas to the Texas Municipal Retirement System Board of Trustees in 1990 and served as chairman in 1992 and 1995.

During his tenure as city manager, Steve served under five mayors and 26 council members. He was essential in developing and implementing many key initiatives including the Texas Transportation Summit and TEX-21, the Transportation Excellence for the 21st Century and a new Comprehensive Plan for the City of Irving. Under his direction, the Lake Chapman Water Supply project, the Family Advocacy Center, the North Police Substation, the Heritage Senior Center, Campion Trails and the Valley View Municipal Complex were constructed. In addition, Steve was instrumental in the planning of a DART light rail line through Las Colinas to DFW International Airport and achieving and maintaining the city's AAA bond ratings.

I want to thank Steve McCullough for all that he has done to make Irving a better place to live, work and raise a family. He leaves behind a vision of pride, progress and continued success for the City of Irving, and I wish him all the best upon his retirement.

IN HONOR OF SIMON WIESENTHAL

HON. MIKE FERGUSON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Simon Wiesenthal, who died today at the age of 96.

Simon Wiesenthal, a concentration camp survivor, worked tirelessly to bring Nazi war criminals to justice. By compiling testimonial evidence at his Jewish Documentation Center in Vienna, Austria, Wiesenthal provided trial material and evidence to the lawyers who prosecuted the Nazis for their crimes. Through his lifetime, Wiesenthal helped to bring as many as 1,100 Nazis, including Adolf Eichmann, to justice.

For Wiesenthal—who lived by a standard of justice, not vengeance—trying the Nazis for their war crimes brought moral restitution to the Jewish people who suffered so severely under the Nazi regime. Wiesenthal dedicated his life to preserving the memory of all those

who lost their lives in the Holocaust, even when many in the world wanted to forget.

The Holocaust was an act of brutal genocide and unprecedented evil. But those such as Simon Wiesenthal remind us that the cause of justice is never lost.

**NATIONAL ADDICTION
COUNSELORS DAY**

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to offer my support for National Addiction Counselors Day, today, September 20, 2005. As we recognize the tremendous success of treatment for addiction disorders during the entire month of September, we must also acknowledge the great work of addiction counselors.

A staggering 63 percent of Americans say that addiction to alcohol or other drugs has had an impact on them at some point in their lives. Recovery Month, sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, SAMHSA, focuses on helping individuals with addiction problems access treatment and support services, as well as promotes measures that make treatment more affordable, equitable, and available. As a co-sponsor of the Paul Wellstone Mental Health Equitable Treatment Act, I am working to end discrimination within the health insurance system against those with mental illness and addiction disorders. Unfortunately, lack of insurance coverage is only one of several barriers that prevent individuals from seeking treatment. In fact, of the 22.2 million individuals needing treatment for substance abuse disorders, 20.3 million have not received it.

No one is immune from addiction; it afflicts people of all ages, races, classes, and professions. The impact is felt not only by individuals and their families, but by society as well. Addiction costs our society and economy billions of dollars each year, in health care costs, property damage, and lost productivity. It also costs lives, and causes immense amounts of grief and pain. The professionals who treat this destructive disease are a dedicated, knowledgeable group which has committed themselves to this serious health crisis. Today there are hundreds of thousands of clean and sober individuals living productive lives only because, in a moment-of-truth, a counselor was there and made the difference.

I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the valuable contributions of addiction counselors by honoring National Addiction Counselors Day.

**THE DENNISON FAMILY OF
FAIRBORN, OHIO**

HON. DAVID L. HOBSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Dennison family of Fairborn, Ohio. The Dennison's are a wonderful family that has made many contributions to the community over the years.

Originally from West Virginia, Steve Dennison joined the Air Force in 1983 as a Munitions Systems Specialist. He served for 22 years and retired from the service on May 31, 2005 to go to work as a Conventional Munitions Specialist at the Headquarters of the Air Force Materiel Command, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

Steve and his wife, Tammy, had two children, Megan and Jacob. Unfortunately, these children were born with the lethal genetic childhood disease, ataxia-telangiectasia, or A-T for short. This disease causes the progressive loss of muscle control, cancer and immune system problems. Generally, the lifespan for children with A-T is 20 years. Unfortunately for the Dennison family, both of their children were born with severe symptoms of this already brutal disease.

In 2004, the Dennisons lost Megan at the age of 16, even as they worked night and day to keep her healthy and were greatly supported by the community. Jacob, age 16, whose mental capacity is sharp, like most children with A-T, misses his sister and is fully aware of what the future may hold for him.

In closing, the Dennison family's courage and strength and Steve's distinguished service to the country are an inspiration to us all. I wish the Dennison family the best in the future. For the Dennison family and all the other families with children suffering from this devastating disease, I wish for a cure.

**A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF
G. DAVID TOZZI**

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of G. David Tozzi; and

Whereas, G. David Tozzi will be remembered by his mother, Irene, his sisters Nancy and Jennie, his brothers-in-law Raymond and Thomas, and his beloved nephews Tommy and David; and

Whereas, G. David Tozzi was born in Bellaire, Ohio, and resided in St. Clairsville, Ohio; and

Whereas, G. David Tozzi was a dedicated employee of the First Energy Corporation, a devout member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church in St. Clairsville and a loyal member of the Bellaire Elks; and

Whereas, G. David Tozzi will certainly be remembered by all those who knew him because of his upright character.

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family and friends of G. David Tozzi.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOLVAY PUBLIC LIBRARY, CELEBRATED ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2005

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Solvay Public Library located in the Village of Solvay, New York. The history of the Solvay Public Library actually began on January 14, 1903, with an endowment by steel magnate Andrew Carnegie. Along with this endowment, the assistance of Frederick Hazard, President of the Solvay Process Company, and the Village of Solvay led to the creation of the public library. In May of 1903, the University of the State of New York granted an official charter to the Solvay Public Library.

The Solvay Public Library officially opened its doors on September 25, 1905, with a collection of 2,042 books. Since then, the library has served as an integral part of the Village of Solvay and its community. Since 1906, the library has offered weekly story hours, which continue to this day. During World War I, the Solvay Public Library converted its Community Room into a lounge for soldiers camped at the State Fair Grounds. In 2001, the Solvay Public Library Board of Trustees initiated a "Preservation and Expansion" Campaign to make the building handicapped accessible and to out reach even further into the community.

On behalf of all who have benefited from the services of the Solvay Public Library, the citizens of the Village of Solvay, and the people of Central New York, I would like to extend my best wishes for many more successful years of service to this outstanding public library.

**HONORING DR. MARIE V.
MCDEMMOND**

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Dr. Marie V. McDemmond, immediate past president of Norfolk State University and the 2005 Forever Upward award designee for her service and dedication to the cause of higher education in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Dr. McDemmond retired from Norfolk State University as president earlier this year, and while her indelible leadership skills will be sorely missed by all, I am pleased that Marie has chosen to continue to serve NSU by teaching.

Dr. Marie McDemmond made great strides in 1997 when she began her presidency at Norfolk State University by not only being the first woman to lead the university, but also the first African-American woman to head a public, 4-year institution of higher education in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Under her leadership, Norfolk State University has developed into a vibrant institution with cutting edge programs and operations, and is poised to be a leader in information technologies and other